IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend Claims 1 and 5 as set forth below:

1. (currently amended) An actuator for a data storage device, comprising:

an actuator comb having a pivot assembly aperture and an actuator arm;

a leading edge on the actuator arm;

a trailing edge on the actuator arm;

the leading edge and the trailing edge have aerodynamic profiles for reducing a coefficient of air flow drag for the actuator arm; and

the leading and trailing edges are tapered at their respective ends in directions extending along the leading and trailing edges.

2. (original) The actuator of claim 1 wherein the leading and trailing edges are symmetrical.

3. (original) The actuator of claim 1 wherein the leading and trailing edges have triangular cross-sectional shapes.

4. (canceled)

5. (currently amended) [[The actuator of claim 1 wherein]] An actuator for a data storage device, comprising:

an actuator comb having a pivot assembly aperture and an actuator arm;

a leading edge on the actuator arm;

a trailing edge on the actuator arm;

the leading edge and the trailing edge have aerodynamic profiles for reducing a coefficient of air flow drag for the actuator arm;

the leading and trailing edges are tapered at their respective ends, and each of the leading and trailing edges extends from the pivot assembly aperture to a suspension tongue.

6. (original) The actuator of claim 1, further comprising a weight-reducing aperture located in an interior of the actuator arm, wherein the aperture has an aerodynamic profile for reducing a coefficient of air flow drag for the actuator arm.

7. (previously presented) An actuator for a data storage device, comprising:

an actuator comb having a pivot assembly aperture, a suspension tongue, an actuator arm there between, and leading and trailing edges on the actuator arm, wherein the leading and trailing edges extend from the pivot assembly aperture to the suspension tongue; and wherein

the leading edge and the trailing edge have aerodynamic profiles with triangular cross-sectional shapes that extend from the pivot assembly aperture to the suspension tongue for reducing a coefficient of air flow drag for the actuator arm.

8. (original) The actuator of claim 7 wherein the leading and trailing edges are symmetrical.

9. (original) The actuator of claim 7 wherein the leading and trailing edges are tapered at their respective ends.

10. (original) The actuator of claim 7, further comprising a weight-reducing aperture located in an interior of the actuator arm, wherein the aperture is circumscribed with an aerodynamic profile for reducing a coefficient of air flow drag for the actuator arm.

11. (previously presented) A hard disk drive, comprising:

a housing;

a spindle motor assembly mounted to the housing and having a central drive hub;

a data storage disk mounted to the spindle motor assembly;

a pivot assembly mounted to the housing;

an actuator mounted to the pivot assembly for movement relative to the disk, the actuator having a voice coil, an arm with a suspension mounted thereto, a read/write head on the suspension;

a leading edge on the arm;

a trailing edge on the arm;

the leading and the trailing edges have aerodynamic profiles for reducing a coefficient of air flow drag for the arm, the leading and trailing edges are tapered at their respective ends, and each of the leading and trailing edges extends from the pivot assembly to the suspension; and

weight-reducing apertures in the arm, wherein each of the apertures is circumscribed with an aerodynamic profile for reducing a coefficient of air flow drag for the actuator arm.

12. (original) The hard disk drive of claim 11 wherein the leading and trailing edges are symmetrical.

13. (original) The hard disk drive of claim 11 wherein the leading and trailing edges have triangular cross-sectional shapes.

14. (canceled)

15. (canceled)

16. (canceled)